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- At the weekly meeting of the National Executive Board of the Partido Socialista Popular (PSP, Cuban Communist Party) for the period 1-7 September 1952, the Board considered again the matter of co-operating with other political parties through the formation of single-front committees of the masses, in opposition to the government. There was considerable disagreement as to the manner in which such committees should be formed. A great majority of the active members believe that the policy of organizing the District and Municipal Committees of the PSP, together with similar committees of the political parties of opposition, is a childish policy; and that the committees of the opposition parties should come together first at a national level, and then impose the formation of the single-front District and Municipal Committees from above. The National Executive Board of the PSP, however, insists that such policy is a defeatist and anti-popular one. It has ruled that the District and Municipal Committees of the PSP should follow the policy set by the National Executive Board of the Party, which is to form single-front committees and to move up to provincial and national levels later. In other words, the movement should appear to be from the ground up, rather than from the National Executive Board down.
- The National Executive Board of the PSP is aware of the political benefits that would accrue to the Party if it should reach an understanding with the National Committees of the opposition parties. Furthermore, it has been stated at other meetings of the Executive Board of the PSP that the Party has had high-level conversations with the leaders of the parties of opposition in order to reach such an understanding. However, the leaders of the opposition parties refuse (for the time being) to have an understanding with the PSP. The leaders of the opposition parties

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insist on one thing: there will be no understanding with the PSP on international matters or on the peace campaign, because Cuba, historically and geographically, is allied to the pro-imperialist policies. If an agreement is reached, consequently, it will be on national political matters only.

3. The political parties which have been approached by the PSP are: the Partido del Pueblo Cubano (PPC, Ortodoxo), the Liberal Party, the Democratic Party, the National Cuban Party, the Cubanidad Party, and the Partido Revolucionario Cubano (PRC, Autentico). Most of these parties have answered in the negative to any understanding with the PSP, stating that they consider any pact with the PSP a premature one, due to the uncertain political future of Cuba. The PPC (Ortodoxo) answered by saying that it would accept the principles of a free union policy, the decisions of the majority of labor, and the non-interference of the state in the affairs of the unions. The PPC (Ortodoxo) is opposed, however, to the peace policy of the Communists, and to any agreement on the international policies of Cuba.

4. The following decisions were reached:

- a. To demand of the District and Municipal Committees strict discipline and acceptance of the political plans studied and adopted by the leadership of the Party. The District and Municipal Committees must devote themselves eagerly to the formation of single-front committees of the masses in order to gain ground and time, for it is very possible that in the future there will be an understanding with the other parties at a National Committee level. In this manner the committees already formed will be accepted by the parties of opposition.
- b. That the National Executive Board keep up the work of approaching other political parties, particularly the PPC (Ortodoxo), in order to reach an understanding with them on a national level, if it is at all possible.

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